

Delaware Trauma System Committee Meeting

Public Health Training Center Dover Delaware

June 7, 2017 12:30 – 2:30 PM

Members Present: J. Brennan*, S. Carey*, D. Curtis*, S. Elwell*, J. Giraldo*, J. Hammond*, M. Jadali*, D. Jones*, L. Jones*, R. Mauch*, J. Pirrung*, M. Pragg*, S. Raab-Long*, R. Tatineni*

Alternates/Guests Present: K. Boyer, K. Bradley*, K. Bristowe*, P. Cowan*, L. Ebeling*, C. Faedke*, S. Gibney*, M. Griffin*, T. Ketterman*, B. King*, M. Lamborn*, B. MacDonald, D. Matwiejewicz*, J. McCue, S. Megee-Snyder*, M. Rochman*, S. Sixta*, D. Sofia*, N. Tyndall (phone), J. Whaley*, K. Woolpert*

Excused: T. Cooper, K. Abbrescia, E. Alexander, J. Simpler

Staff Present: M. Cipolle*, D. Hainsworth*, B. Huss*, M.S. Jones*, R. Megargel, S. Murphy*, M. Neumann*, C. Grabowski

*Attended Quality Meeting

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>	<u>Information/Action Plan</u>
I. Welcome and Introductions	S. Murphy	The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. Introductions were made.
A. Minutes	S. Murphy	The March meeting minutes were accepted as written.
II. New Business		
A. Stop the Bleed – Delaware Initiative	D. Hainsworth	The <i>Stop the Bleed Campaign</i> has been taken on as part of Delaware’s Hospital Preparedness grant. EMTs and paramedics have been trained and the goal is now to train the immediate first responders and the public. A computerized partial leg mannequin that simulates a traumatic amputation was made available at the meeting for viewing. Two were purchased as resources for the state. One mannequin will be located at the Fire School, to be used by police, EMTs and other first responders, and the other will be available to borrow for training from the EMS and Preparedness Section office. National Homeland Security/FEMA will present a webinar “You are the Help until Help Arrives” on June 15 at 2:00 p.m. The email notice will be forwarded to TSC members. The webinar is free and open to all.
B. Dover Air Force Base Upcoming Events	D. Hainsworth	“Thunder Over Dover”, an Open House/ Air Show will be held August 25, 26, and 27 at the Dover Air Force Base. Hospitals wishing to participate with an educational display should contact Lt. Colonel Riley.
C. Other	R. Tatineni	Dr. Tatineni presented information on seatbelts in school buses. Delaware law does not require seatbelts on school buses though it does require seatbelt use in other vehicles. Six states have school bus seatbelt legislation in place, but implementation has been varied due to inadequate funding. 14 other states have attempted to pass legislation without success in the past five years. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) currently recommends all school buses be equipped with three-point lap/shoulder seat belts. It also says that school buses are the safest form of transportation for children. The challenges to passage of school bus seatbelt laws include resistance due to the costs, political repercussions from bus company lobbyists, and difficulty with enforcement. The group did not object to pursuing the issue and a suggestion was made to contact Patty Miller of Nemours Health & Prevention, who led a successful campaign to pass ATV legislation. Sean Elwell and Steve Murphy will assist in contacting Patty.
IV. Unfinished Business and Reports		

A. Unfinished Business		
1. Trauma System Funding Legislation/Next Steps	M. S. Jones	There has been no movement forward. Bishop & Associates submitted a proposal but no response has been decided upon. They have successfully worked with other states to obtain trauma system funding (100% success rate/10 states) and provided a cafeteria-type work plan where components of the proposal could be chosen. Four action steps were developed when TSC members met with the Delaware Healthcare Association Policy Committee in April 2016: 1) Perform a Trauma System fiscal needs assessment and/or gap analysis to identify specific system areas in need of support; 2) Develop a more accurate method of determining trauma-related hospital costs; 3) Review information on ways other states are funded and how they distribute the funds; 4) Move the anniversary event to the Fall so that more legislators may attend and be made aware of what the Trauma System has accomplished. Item 4 has been completed.
B. Designation Committee Report		
1. 2017 site visits	M.S. Jones for M. Mitchell	ACS visits are confirmed for Bayhealth/Milford for July 12-13 and for Saint Francis for July 13-14. Beebe Healthcare is tentatively scheduled for October and it is hoped that Wilmington Hospital's visit can be piggybacked before or after Beebe's.
C. Trauma System Quality Evaluation Committee Report		
1. Trauma System Registry 2. Data • Research Projects	M. Neumann	The Collector Automap issue has been resolved and 2016 mechanism of injury data can now be run. The data needed for the Nemours Prevention Branch ATV legislation follow-up report can now be provided. Mr. Neumann provided several graphs on Trauma System patients with an Injury Severity Score over 24 by outcome, and one showing the mortality rate of all Delaware Trauma System patients 2000-2016, which is consistently lower than the corresponding National Trauma Data Bank mortality rate. Assault rates per 100,000 population in 2016 compared to 2012 have gone up in New Castle County but decreased in the other two counties. He also presented information on <i>Issues with ISS Calculation Based on AIS Version</i> .
D. Networking Highlights		
1. State EMS Medical Director	R. Megargel D. Hainsworth	New standing orders went into effect May 1 st for paramedics. Providers are being cautioned not to come into direct contact with "white substances" on calls due to significant adverse effects drugs can produce. Nationally there have been several incidents of harm to providers from chemicals at scenes. Dispatch is working on the technical ability to handle 911 texting. A legislative resolution has been introduced that would require current ED waiting times to be made available to prehospital providers while on calls. A white paper has been developed addressing the impact such a requirement would have on the healthcare system, triage, and the provision of appropriate prehospital care.

2. Office of EMS	D. Hainsworth	The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has published a First Responder's Guide on protection methods for use on calls with unknown substances. Besides the usual precautions, there is an added caution: do not use alcohol-based sanitizers to clean hands as the alcohol opens up one's pores and increases absorption of any chemicals. The Delaware Drug Monitoring Initiative (DDMI), a joint effort of law enforcement, Public Health, the Division of Forensic Sciences, and the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) that looks at the opioid crisis in Delaware, has just issued a quarterly report that will be shared with appropriate stakeholders. The EMS Office will be making application on behalf of the state for more Narcan for first responders.
3. Public Health Preparedness	B. MacDonald for T. Cooper	A Mass Care Tabletop Exercise took place on April 11 th . A SHOC functional exercise was held on May 2nd. The final draft of the Infectious Disease Emergency Response Plan is expected in June.
4. Office of Highway Safety (OHS)	M.S. Jones for J. Simpler	J. Simpler's written report was distributed. Pedestrian fatalities for the first five months of 2017 have surpassed the number for the entire year of 2016. Education and enforcement efforts this summer will be focused on impaired driving, motorcycle safety, pedestrian safety, distracted driving, occupant protection, and speeding.
5. Injury Prevention	J. Whaley J. McCue K. Boyer	There seem to be more seniors on the Sussex County bike trails than international students. A roster of free public Bike Safety Checkpoints was distributed. Hands-on ATV rider courses are scheduled for April 8 and May 13 at DelDOT Danner Campus in Dover. Jen shared a resource sheet she developed listing Nemours injury prevention programs. She has also developed a brief program for pediatrician office staffs on the correct installation of car seats. There will be 4-day car seat technician course at Seaford Fire Company on April 5 th , 12 th , 19 th and 22 nd . K. Boyer and J. McCue have received a grant to develop a Distracted Driver Course for 15 to 17 year olds. Chaz Molins, CCHS Violence Prevention Coordinator, conducts "You Only Live Once" presentations. He is collecting pre- and post-test data as part of a research project he is developing on the program. <i>A Matter of Balance</i> senior falls prevention classes may have to be cancelled due to budget cuts.
6. Delaware Chapters American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma & American Trauma Society	S. Murphy	ACS-COT/ATS: Christiana will be one of the beta sites for testing the 10 th version of the Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) course, which has undergone major revisions. The latest version is much more interactive. The importance of the "Stop the Bleed Campaign" was also emphasized. A meeting of the ATS DE Chapter was held prior to this meeting. Please encourage co-workers to join as dues come back to the state chapters and support injury prevention and trauma education in our state.
7. DEMSOC	D. Hainsworth	The opioid crisis was a large part of the last meeting's discussion, particularly how EMS will evolve to meet the demand. Chief Tan had suggested a "Systems of Care" approach be utilized.
8. DPH Office of Rural Health	J. McCue	Jen shared the items she received from the Rural Health grant: a projector, screen, night lights to prevent falls at night and safety coloring books.
9. Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness Board	J. Hammond	The Board will again sponsor a Delaware Donor Dash on September 23 to raise public awareness about the importance of organ donor designation. It will be held at the Nemours Estate on Rockland Road in Wilmington.
V. Adjournment	S. Murphy	The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.
<u>Next Meeting</u>		<u>Wednesday, September 27, 2017 @12:30, Public Health Training Center, Edgehill Shopping Center, Dover</u>